

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

AMENDING PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT WITH RESPECT TO NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, Benjamin Disraeli once exclaimed, "The health of the people is really the foundation upon which all their happiness and all their powers as a state depend."

Rooted in this reality, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lead vital public health initiatives to prevent and control infectious and chronic disease, injuries, workplace hazards, disabilities, and environmental health threats. However, the effectiveness of its work depends on its strong partnerships with other organizations, notably, the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The National Foundation was founded by Congress in 1995 to bridge outside resources and partners with CDC scientists, and it has greatly enhanced the CDC's impact in such areas as global health, anti-microbial resistance, the obesity epidemic, healthy aging, and emergency preparedness and response. Most recently, the foundation created the Emergency Preparedness & Response Fund. This fund will provide the CDC with resources it needs for rapid response to large-scale public health emergencies, such as terrorist attacks or an avian flu pandemic. Given this organization's immeasurable contribution to national public health initiatives, I urge members to support S. 655. This bill proposes increased funding for grants to the foundation, allows for more voluntary service to the CDC by foundation individuals, and permits the CDC Director to provide facilities, utilities, and support services to the foundation if doing so is advantageous to CDC programs and the American people. Provisions of this bill will indeed strengthen the CDC and National Foundation's partnership and result in better public health outcomes for our Nation.

Thomas Carlyle once said, "He who has health, has hope, and he who has hope has everything." Let us ensure that we do everything in our power to improve the health status of our people. In doing so, we will most certainly ensure the productivity and fruitfulness of their lives.

CONGRATULATING THE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2006

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Mental Health Center of Champaign County on the celebration of its 50th anniversary.

The Champaign County Mental Health Clinic opened its doors 50 years ago as a program of the Champaign County Mental Health Society. On July 22, 1968, the Mental Health Center became incorporated and changed its name to the Mental Health Center of Champaign County. Throughout its years of service to the community, the Mental Health Center has continually expanded mental health services to meet the needs of the public.

The Mental Health Center of Champaign County is committed to providing critical mental health services to the community. Since its inception, the Mental Health Center has provided residential, outpatient, school-based, and 24-hour crisis services to promote the recovery, awareness, and the understanding of mental health and related illnesses.

The citizens of the 15th district and I are very proud of the Mental Health Center of Champaign County for their continued efforts to provide quality services to those in need of them. We look forward to a prosperous future in which the Mental Health Center will continue its dedication to mental health services.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the Mental Health Center of Champaign County on its 50th anniversary of service to our community.

TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 91, NO. 137 AND AUXILIARY UNIT NO. 91

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2006

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, today we recognize the American Legion Post No. 91 and Auxiliary Unit No. 91 in Romney, WV, and Post No. 137 in Capon Bridge, WV. Both are located in my district, Hampshire County.

Post No. 91 has a long tradition of monthly meetings since 1920, sponsoring strong child and youth programs, and flying flags on holidays such as Memorial Day, Flag Day, the Fourth of July, and Hampshire Heritage days. Post Commander Madeline Shallcross has boosted membership to 450 members.

Auxiliary Unit No. 91 is led by 7-year President Diana Haines. Founded in 1926 with only 22 members, it has now grown to be part of the third largest unit in the State. The 435

members volunteer and maintain the expense of the Hampshire County Library. In 1926, the auxiliary assisted the Legion in designing an honor roll plaque for the World War I servicemen of Hampshire County.

Post No. 137 has an active membership of 400 in Capon Bridge, WV. Post Commander Bob Brasher is assisted by President Sally Reid and Larry LaFollette, head of the Sons of the Legion group.

Each of these organizations provides a venue for fellowship, volunteerism, and patriotism. The service each member has given to their Nation and community shall be forever cherished and represented.

PENCE CALLS ON CONGRESS TO STAND FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2006

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, in the coming days, Congress will consider legislation to make taxpayer dollars available for what is known as embryonic stem cell research.

Stating the case for an imminent presidential veto, in 2001 President Bush made the moral dimensions of scientific testing on human embryos clear.

These are the principles: It is morally wrong to create human life to destroy it for research. Also, it is morally wrong to take the tax dollars of millions of pro-life Americans and use them to finance research that they find morally objectionable. The choice of our time was described millennia ago: "See, I set before you blessings and curses, life and death. Now choose life that you and your children may live." I urge my colleagues to stand for the sanctity of life at every level. Stand with President George W. Bush. Reject taxpayer funding of human embryo research.

ANNIVERSARY OF ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2006

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise in celebration of the trailblazing work done by Advancement Via Individual Determination. Twenty-five years ago, Mary Catherine Swanson founded an organization rooted in the belief that, if the desire to go to college is met with a willingness to work hard, then those students who are capable of completing a rigorous curriculum but are falling short of their potential can realize their desire if schools provide them with the necessary tools.

AVID expands opportunities to those students who have traditionally been neglected

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